BBQ Safety

Use Care When Firing Up That Barbecue Grill!

Why?

- Over 76% of American households own a grill

- Annually:
  - 6,100 accidental fires and explosions occur
  - 20,000 emergency room visits
  - $29.1 million of estimated damage.

Outdoor Grilling Safety Tips

- Never use a grill indoors.
- 10 feet away from house or any building.
- Not in garage, breezeway, carport, porch or under an awning.
- Never unattended (small children and pets)
- Watch for overhead obstructions.
- Fire extinguisher.
- Manufacturers' instructions.

Gas Grill Safety Tips

A few simple precautions around the barbecue grill can not only protect the chef but also the hamburgers, hot dogs and steaks!

- Check and clean tubes leading into the burner.
- Check grill hoses – kinks, cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks.
- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease.
- Replace scratched or frayed connectors.

Gas Grill Safety Tips

- Check for gas leaks (following instructions!)
- NEVER use a match to check for leaks.
- If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill again until the leak is fixed.
- Keep lit cigarettes, matches, or open flames away from a leaking grill.
- Don’t try to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself.
- Keep the containers upright.
- Never store a spare under or near the grill or indoors.
- Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.

Gas Grilling Safety Tips

- Transport in a secure upright position.
- Be sure your propane tank has an over-fill prevention device.
- In a hot car or car trunk the relief valve may open and allow gas to escape.
- Follow the manufacturers' instructions when connecting or disconnecting a propane tank to your grill.

Charcoal Grill Safety Tips

- Never use indoors, even with ventilation
- Never gasoline or kerosene as lighter fluid.
- Never restart the flame by adding additional lighting fluid to a lit grill.
- Only use a UL-Listed electrical charcoal lighter.